

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The changes in the following paragraphs from their immediate prior version are shown with ~~strikethrough~~ or [[double brackets]] for deleted matter and underlines for added information.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 26, to page 2, line 3, as follows:

In one aspect, the invention is a method of forming a sugarless coating on chewing gum cores comprising: providing chewing gum cores; providing a coating syrup comprising one or more sugarless sweeteners; providing a dusting mix comprising about 20% to about 60% of a bulk sweetener selected from the group consisting of ~~malitol~~ maltitol, hydrogenated isomaltulose, lactitol, sorbitol and mixtures thereof and about 40% to about 80% filler; and applying a plurality of layers of the coating syrup and a plurality of layers of the dusting mix to the chewing gum cores to form a sugarless coating on the gum cores.

Please amend the table on page 15, starting on line 2, as follows:

	Comparative Example A	Inventive Example 1
Maltitol powder*	76.4%	76.4%
Gum Talha	6.7%	6.7%
Maltitol fine powder**	12.2%	6.1%
Calcium carbonate***	-	6.1%
Titanium Dioxide	1.8%	1.8%
Flavor/menthol	2.0%	2.0%
Sweetener	0.9%	0.9%
	100.0%	100.0%

*Particle size of maltitol powder was 5% max retained on 35 mesh screen and 40% minimum retained on 140 mesh screen. In the inventive Example 1, this maltitol was mixed with water to make the coating syrup

**Particle size of maltitol fine powder was 2% max retained on 100 mesh screen and 70% Max passing through a 325 mesh screen. This maltitol was used as the dusting mix for the dry charge for Comparative Example A and mixed 50/50 with calcium carbonate and used as the dusting mix for the dry charge during coating in Comparative Inventive Example A 1.

***Particle size of calcium carbonate used as the dusting mix for the dry charge coating in Inventive Example 1 was 100% through 325 mesh screen.

Please amend the second table on page 16, starting on line 11, as follows:

	Comparative Example B	Inventive Example [1] 2
Maltitol powder*	68.3%	68.7%
High maltitol content syrup	12.1%	12.1%
Gum Talha	5.0%	4.3%
Maltitol fine powder*	12.1%	6.2%
Calcium carbonate*	-	6.2%
Titanium Dioxide	0.9%	0.9%
Flavor/menthol	1.3%	1.3%
Sweetener	0.3%	0.3%
	100.0%	100.0%

* Maltitol powders and calcium carbonate have same particle size as Examples A and 1.